

through Sunday, August 16th, 2015, at the nationally and internationally known Holcombe Rucker Park located in the Village of Harlem, New York City; The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, HARLEM WEEK, The National Association of Each One Teach One, The Harlem Professionals and The New York Knicks had gathered to celebrate The Rucker Pro Legends of Basketball's successes, years of influence, as well as their current and old talents.

The three-day themed celebration was set to highlight all the great work of athletes and their years of influence. The Rucker Park 50 kicked-off on Friday, August 14th with "A Great Day For the Rucker" Cocktail Party reception at The Harlem Hospital Center's Mural Pavilion featuring a historic group photo shoot that was taken on the Mural Pavilion Great Steps with the Rucker Pro Legends of Basketball and Each One Teach One Alumnus who played the game. On Saturday, August 15th, the theme featured "50 Years of Influence"—The Rucker Legends Honored National Basketball Association (NBA) Legends at Holcombe Rucker Park, located at 155th Street & 8th Avenue to 156th Street & Harlem River Drive. The National Basketball Retired Players Association (NBRPA), NBA Cares and the Police Athletic League (PAL) conducted basketball clinics for over 100 children with the Rucker Pro Legends; which featured Each One Teach One Tournament Playoff Games throughout the day with celebrity guests and entertainers connected to Rucker Park over the years in attendance.

On Harlem Day—Sunday, August 16th, the theme features "50 Years of Teaching"—Each One Teach One & New York Knicks Clinic Day at Holcombe Rucker Park. The New York Knicks and the National Association of Each One Teach One conducted clinics throughout the day. One of the clinics included the Each One Teach One Basketball Tournament Championship Games sponsored in part by State Farm Insurance Company. During this event the "50 Greatest Rucker Pro Legends of All-time" were announced. Some of the legends that attended the 3-day celebrations were Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Julius "Dr. J" Erving, Nate "Tiny" Archibald, Tom "Satch" Sanders, Nevil Shed, Nancy Lieberman, World B. Free, Richard "Pee Wee" Kirkland, Joe "The Destroyer" Hammond, Dave Cowans, Bob Love, Emmette Bryant, Connie Hawkins, Ed Pinckey, Mark Jackson, Chris Mullins and many other legends of basketball and surprise guests.

The Rucker Professional Tournament is a Harlem Summer Professional Basketball Tournament that was founded by College and NBA Legends Bob McCullough, Sr. and Fred Crawford, Sr. in 1965 to honor the passing of their mentor Holcombe Rucker. Bob's and

Fred's main objectives were to continue Holcombe Rucker's work, teachings and legacy and to inspire youth throughout the greater Harlem community and beyond, which showcased professional basketball players from leagues around country to highlight the sport of basketball talent in the same vein as its creator James Naismith. Those leagues included the former American Basketball Association (ABA), Continental Basketball Association (CBA) and the NBA. The games also featured future talented High School ballers and NCAA College Division players. A basketball landmark, Rucker Park became the site of numerous battles between such NBA stars as Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Dr. "J" Julius Erving, and Walt Frazier, and such playground Legends as Herman "Helicopter" Knowings, Earl Manigault, Joe "The Destroyer" Hammond, "Pee Wee" Kirkland and Pablo Robertson of The Harlem Globetrotters. Furthermore, this renowned basketball venue has been written in such books as City Game: Basketball from the Garden to the Playground in Harlem. Foul—The Connie Hawkins Story, and Asphalt Gods: An Oral History of The Rucker Tournament.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of Holcombe Rucker Park and The Rucker Pro Legends of Basketball fame. The Rucker Pro Legends have positively impacted basketball players and children of all ages. Their dedication to their art form; to showcase and celebrate the talents of their current, past and future peers and colleagues; and to the children is truly admirable. This three day celebration embodied all that The Rucker Pro Legends stand for; for this we should continue to honor the legacy of Holcombe Rucker and the Rucker Park Legends of Basketball.

COMMENDING THE KOREAN COALITION FOR POLITICAL PARTICIPATION FOR ITS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Korean Coalition for Political Participation (KCPP) for their contributions to our community.

The 11th District of Virginia is blessed by its diversity. Approximately 1 in 4 residents is foreign-born and nearly 40 percent are minorities. More than 100 languages are spoken in our schools, and we are home to more minority-owned technology firms than anywhere else in the nation.

Northern Virginia is fortunate to have one of the most vibrant Korean American communities in the United States; approximately 32,000 Korean Americans live in the 11th District. Nearly one-half of our foreign-born population emigrated from Asia, primarily from Korea.

The mission of KCPP is to educate the community on issues of great importance and to encourage participation in the democratic process. This is particularly critical for our newer citizens. KCPP addresses this by hosting various forums and presentations to provide the tools and knowledge that will allow full participation in our American society.

In Congress, just as I did during my tenure on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I have sought out new opportunities to collaborate with the Korean-American community. As co-chair of the Congressional Korea Caucus, we have worked together to ensure that the U.S.-Korean alliance remains strong.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Korean Coalition for Political Participation on its success and commending my friend, Michael Kwon, for his leadership as President of this organization.

HONORING STANBERRY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Stanberry High School football team. This is a group of very special young men who have exemplified the finest qualities of teamwork, devotion and sportsmanship by taking an active part in the classroom and on the field. These Bulldogs relentlessly pursued their goal and were rewarded with the Missouri 8-man high school football championship.

The Stanberry Bulldogs defeated North Andrew 46–42 in the Missouri 8-man championship. The work and effort these young men have persevered through over the years has not only earned them numerous honors on and off the field, but also the respect of their families, classmates, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending the Stanberry High School football team for their accomplishments on the field and for their efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Missouri 8-man football state champions.